

National Advisory Acceptance Team Review Process for the State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies

Strategy Review Process

1. Strategy Submission

The State will send two hard copies of the Strategy to their Regional Fish and Wildlife Service Office. These copies will have holes punched in so they can be placed in a 3-ring binder. Along with the hard copies, the State will send the regional office an electronic copy of the Strategy on a CD in Adobe Acrobat 6 format. The Regional FWS office will distribute copies to the other appropriate Regional Review Team members.

Additionally, the State will send a duplicate electronic copy on a CD to the Washington Office.

2. Regional Review Team Recommendation*

The Regional Review Team(s) (RRT) (list attached), comprised of the regional ARD and a State Director from either the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest or Western fish and wildlife agency associations, will review each State Strategy assigned to them in a timely manner and assess whether it has satisfactorily addressed each of the eight required elements and will determine which category (see below) best describes its status.

- a. Approved: All elements have been satisfactorily addressed
- b. Conditionally approved
- c. Disapproved

* To ensure that the NAAT members are reviewing the Strategies in an uniform manner, the first four Strategies submitted will be reviewed by the entire NAAT (without the preliminary review by the RRT).

3. NAAT Recommendation

The chair of the NAAT will schedule a meeting for the full NAAT to review Strategies received. The RRT will summarize for the NAAT how the eight required elements have been or have not been satisfactorily addressed. The entire NAAT will examine each Strategy in light of the RRT's recommendation and determine whether the Strategy should be approved, disapproved or conditionally approved. The NAAT chair will immediately notify the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the NAAT's recommendation. The NAAT will draft a letter for the Director describing the reasons for the recommendation.

The NAAT has tentatively scheduled these weeks for Strategy Review:

April 4	September 19
July 11	October 24
August 15	November 14

4. Fish and Wildlife Director Recommendation

The Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service will send a letter to the State, notifying them of “approval”, “conditional approval” or “disapproval”. If the Strategy is conditionally approved or disapproved, a letter drafted by the NAAT will identify each deficiency and include a brief explanation to support these conclusion(s). A copy will be sent to the NAAT.

Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies Regional Review Teams

All States and Territories

Mitch King (USFWS), Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Ron Regan, IAFWA Representative

Northeast

Ed Parker, Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Resource Agencies Representative

Sherry Morgan (USFWS)

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
Massachusetts
Connecticut*
Delaware
Rhode Island
New York
Pennsylvania
New Jersey
Maryland
Virginia
West Virginia
District of Columbia

Southeast

Noel Holcomb, Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Representative

E.J. Williams (USFWS)

Kentucky
Tennessee
North Carolina
South Carolina
Georgia*
Florida
Alabama
Mississippi
Louisiana
Arkansas
Puerto Rico
U.S. Virgin Islands

Nancy Gloman (USFWS)

Texas
Oklahoma

Midwest

Dean Hildebrand, Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Representative

John Christian (USFWS)

Ohio
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Indiana
Missouri
Iowa
Wisconsin
Minnesota

Paul Gertler (USFWS)

North Dakota*
South Dakota
Nebraska
Kansas

West

Jeff Koenings, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Representative

Nancy Gloman (USFWS)

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Paul Gertler (USFWS)

Montana
Wyoming
Colorado
Utah

Chris McKay (USFWS)

Idaho
Nevada
California
Hawaii
Northern Marianas
American Samoa
Guam

Doug Alcorn (USFWS)

Alaska
Washington*
Oregon

***For States with Directors serving on the NAAT Team**

Georgia
Connecticut
North Dakota
Washington

Ron Regan/Mitch King/EJ Williams
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